

RECLAMATION

Managing Water in the West



Teleworking Past and Present Photo
Credit: Winetta Owens

In the 1970s, some government employees worked at their small single desk in offices without partitions. We used large calculators, index cards with hand-written information, rotary phones, typewriters, white-out for correcting mistakes, and carbon paper for making copies of letters and memorandums.

We had to use the dictionary to spell words correctly: no spell check!

In 1981, IBM introduced the first personal computer (PC). Other companies like Apple and Microsoft followed in creating PCs for work and home.

Today, we use laptops to store and retrieve information. The laptop is small and portable, making it easier to carry it to a business meeting,

school or travel. Some employees use their laptops to telework.

Teleworking, “work-at-home,” allows an employee to work from home while maintaining communications with supervisor, co-workers and customers. The advantages of teleworking are saving travel time and gas, reduced stress, less interruptions and a better balance between work and family life (example, caring for a sick family member).

Times have certainly changed from the past to the present.

For more information, please visit:

<http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Telecommuting>

<http://globalworkplaceanalytics.com/resources/costs-benefits>